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SUBJECT: LETTER TO LONDON TIMES (LT) FROM SIR ROBERT

THOMPSON

REF: SAIGON 15057

1. SIR ROBERT THOMPSON'S REQUEST CREATES PROBLEMS HERE. IF WE PASS ALONG HIS LETTER TO LT QUESTION WILL ARISE AS TO WHY US FRONTING FOR UK SUBJECT. IMPLICATION WOULD BE THAT U.S. IS CRITICIZING LT AND HAD PUT SIR ROBERT UP TO THIS TO COUNTERACT STORY WHICH NOT FAVORABLE TO US. FURTHER LT IS VERY CAREFUL ABOUT ACCEPTING LETTERS TO EDITOR AND REQUIRES TELEPHONE CONFIRMATION FROM SENDER ON IDENTITY AND CONTENT. IF WE TRANSMITTED LETTER IT WOULD ONLY OPEN DIALOGUE ON THIS SUBJECT BETWEEN EMBASSY AND LT.

2. THUS, WE WOULD MUCH PREFER THAT SIR ROBERT SEND HIS LETTER DIRECTLY TO LT. THIS WOULD ACCOMPLISH PURPOSE OF COUNTERACTING STORY WITHOUT INVOLVING USG.

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